

Appln. No. 10/016,071
Amdt. date September 5, 2003
Reply to Office action of March 6, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office action dated March 6, 2003 has been reviewed and the comments therein carefully considered. In the Office action, various changes and questions are raised concerning the description of the new variety. By the accompanying Substitute Specification, Applicant has made a *bona fide* attempt to address all issues and questions.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and, accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If any questions remain regarding the allowability of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

Substitute Specification (Marked-up Copy)
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Petition for Extension of Time
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SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION
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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'BRONZE SUNSET'

5 CLASSIFICATION

The present invention relates to a new Rosaceae plant.

VARIETY DENOMINATION

The new plant has the varietal denomination 'BRONZE SUNSET'.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose of the genus Rosaceae which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is 'BRONZE SUNSET'.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I am aware, is its orange flowers.

Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding propagations.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

5 The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the
flowers and foliage of the new variety depicted in color as
nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a
color illustration of this character.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

5 The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded plants of the new variety , with color terminology in accordance with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The terminology used in color description herein refers to plate numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural
10 conditions.

The following observations are made of specimens grown outdoors in Wasco, California, during November budded on 'DR. HUEY understock.

PLANT

15 Form: Spreading
Growth: Vigorous; sprawling
Size: Height about 52 inches; width about 48 inches

20 Foliage

Size: Terminal leaflet length
~~Length~~ about 2 1/2 inches;
width about 1 9/16 inches
Quantity: ~~About 5~~ Usually 5 compound
25 leaflet leaves, occasionally
compound 7 leaflet leaves

Color

New foliage: Upper side near 137B; under
side near 148A
30 Mature foliage: Upper side near 139A; under
side near 137B

Texture

Upper side: Smooth, semi-glossy
35 Under side: Matte

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Edge: Serrated
5 Petioles: Top surface color near 138C;
Under side near 138C
Stipules: Medium length
Auricle: Light red brown near 59C
fading to green near 137B
10 Rachis: Few prickles
~~Variegation:~~ Slight

WOOD

New shoots
15 Bark: Smooth
Wood: Near 59C
Old wood
Bark: Lots of prickles
Wood: Near 137D
20 Flowering stem: Length about ~~5~~ 18 inches
Winter Hardiness: Completely winter hardy
~~Resistance to Disease:~~ Fair
~~Temperature range:~~ ~~Between 26° and 120° F~~

25 ~~Internode spacing:~~ Irregular
Preferred growing conditions: Likes full sun
Growth habit: Vigorous
Leaves per stem: About 5
30 Prickles/Thorns: Mature thorns about 1/8 inch
long, color near 149B
slightly tipped with red at
tip, base near 59A

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FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE

5	Blooming Habit:	Recurrent
	Bud	About 4 1/4 inches <u>1 1/4 inches long, 1 1/2 inches wide</u>
	Form:	Triangular
10	Color:	Before sepals divide color near 169A; when sepals first divide color near 170B; when petals begin to unfurl color near 41A
15	Sepals[[:]]	Regular
	Size:	Length in relation to bud, about 1 1/4 inches <u>in length, 1/4 inch wide, small extensions, usually 5 sepals per bloom</u>
20	Color	Topside near 164B; bottom near 137C
	Peduncle	
25	Length:	About 2 1/2 inches, <u>smooth, slight anthocyanin in coloration, color near 57B</u>
	Strength:	Strong
	Color:	Near 148C
30	Flower	
	Size:	About 4 1/4 inches
	Borne:	Single

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5	Form:	Relative good form; high centered; unfurls to loose ruffled at maturity
	Petalage:	About 25
	Petaloids in center:	None
	Persistence:	Normal <u>Petals do not drop</u>
10	Fragrance:	Slight
	Lasting Quality:	About 2 weeks on plant; about 6 days after cutting
	Color	
15	During first 2 days:	Inner petals at flower center topside near 41A; bottom near 19A; outer petals topside near 43A, bottom near 16C
	Base of petals	
20	(Point of attachment):	Near 17B
	General tonality from a distance:	Bronze
	Color Change:	Slightly darkens; remains the same after 3 or more days
25	Petals	
	Texture:	Thick / rigid
	Shape:	Wide at top, tapered to narrow bottom, <u>petals reflexed to a point</u>
30	Arrangement:	Loose around pistils
	Appearance:	Satiny

REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

35	Arrangement of stamens, Filaments and Anthers:	Near 163B; regularly arranged around styles, <u>about 100</u>
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Color: Filaments near 162C; Anthers
near 161C

5 Pollen: Near 168A

Styles: Bunched, uneven length

Stigmas: Normal; color near 16C

Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries

10 Shape: Oval

Size: About 1/2 inch

Color: Near 143B

Seeds: No seeds

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I CLAIM:

5 A new and distinct Hybrid Tea Rose plant of the variety
substantially as shown and described.

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ABSTRACT

5 A new and distinct Hybrid Tea Rose plant variety with orange
flowers.

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